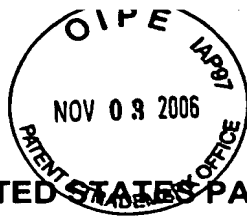


Expedited procedure  
Under 37 CFR 1.116



520.43216X00

AF  
SFW

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. NISHIMURA, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/686,480  
Filed: OCTOBER 16, 2003  
Title: FUEL CELL  
Group AU: 1745  
Examiner: Tony Sheng Hsiang Chuo  
Confirm. No: 8057

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

**Mail Stop: AF – NO FEE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

November 3, 2006

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS;

REMARKS are included following the amendments.